

## Media Advisory

### Gaithersburg Water Park Water Slide Tower Ribbon Cutting Ceremony

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**Date:** Thursday, May 23, 2019

**Time:** 5 – 7 p.m. (Ribbon Cutting at 5:30 p.m.)

**Location:** [Water Park at Bohrer Park](#)  
512 South Frederick Avenue  
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

**Ceremony:** Remarks and ribbon cutting by City of Gaithersburg elected officials and staff. Light refreshments following ceremony. Pool and slides will be open for use by invited guests.

**Background:** The Water Park, located within the 57-acre campus of Bohrer Park at Summit Hall Farm, opened in 1990 and has served more than two million patrons; nearly 80,000 visitors annually. The popular outdoor recreation facility offers a lively, safe environment enjoyed by families, summer camps and day care providers throughout the region. Among the Park's most popular features is the 250-foot long double-flume slide, which takes swimmers on a fast or mellow ride down a 38-foot tower.

Thanks to the City's commitment to preventive maintenance, the water slides surpassed their useful life expectancy of 20 years. However, now approaching 30 years old, the steel structure began showing signs of deterioration and the flumes required costly annual repair, resurfacing and painting. The structure needed to be replaced.

**Renovations:** The scope of work for this project included demolition of the former slide structure, construction of a new structure with footers, a structural 38-foot tower, two flumes, a stair structure, water pumps, motors, and associated safety devices. The contract also provided for two years of inspection and maintenance services.

**Total Project Cost:** \$1.1 million

**Funding Sources:** City of Gaithersburg – \$560,000  
Maryland Dept. of Natural Resources Program Open Space – \$540,000

**Design and Build:** Paddock Swimming Pool Company

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**Facility Information:**

<https://www.gaithersburgmd.gov/about-us/city-facilities/water-park>